Subject No. 69.

Raiyats right to fishery &c., in return for repairing Tanks below Rs. 300 Revenue.

Summary of discussion.—The Rule is that the raiyats concerned should repair and maintain the smaller tanks which yield a Revenue of Rs. 300 and less and have the fishery of the tank and the grass growing on the rear slope of the bund and in the bed of the tank when dry as laid down in para 7, Section X of the Land Revenue Rules. The Local Revenue Officers do not carry out this Rule but sell the grass and the fish.

[*Note.*—The Deputy Commissioner explained that he had recently ascertained by enquiries made in the Sorab Taluk that grass and fish were denied to the raiyats only in those cases in which they had declined to repair the tanks. He had ordered the Amildar to make an official report on the subject.]

Dewan's reply.—We have not conceded grass on all tank bunds but only on the bunds of all such tanks as are maintained by raiyats. Complaints of individual cases in which this rule may have been broken can be enquired into if made separately.

Subject No. 70.

Transfer of subordinate Taluk officials.

Summary of discussion.—Taluk subordinate officials should be occasionally transferred. They should not be kept long at the same station, lest they identify themselves with local interests and factions.

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 71.

Deputy Amildar's Cutcherry at Anavati.

Summary of discussion.—A Deputy Amildar's Cutcherry is required at Anavati in the Sorab Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—The subject is under consideration.

Subject No. 72.

Measuses for preventing damages to supari crop caused by "Kole Roga."

Summary of discussion.—Considerable damage is caused to supari crop by "Kole Roga" a rot which occurs when there are alternate days of rain and sunshine, and is checked to some extent by the bunches of supari on trees being covered in some way. It is necessary to discover an effective remedy.

Dewan's reply.—Endeavour will be made to depute a scientist.

Subject No. 73.

Appointment of a Veterinary Inspector.

Summary of discussion.—Malnad raiyats get their cattle from Maidan parts. These die in a year or two owing to inclement weather. A Veterinary Inspector should therefore be deputed to each Taluk to instruct people in the arts of cattle breeding and curing cattle disease.

Dewan's reply.—Some experiments are being made in the Mysore District and the result will be watched.

Subject No. 74.

Establishment of a Munsiff's Court and Sub-Registrar's office at Tirthahalli.

Summary of discussion.—The following establishments for the Tirthahalli Taluk should be sanctioned :—

(*a*) A Munsiff's Court, or a Sub-Magistrate's Court with certain Civil powers.

(*b*) A Sub-Registrar's office and a commodious building for the Anglo-Vernacular school.

Dewan's reply.—In due course.

Subject No. 75.

Occupancy rights in Kans.

Summary of discussion.—Occupancy rights in Kans should be granted as before. Private Kans should be demarcated and allotted. Formerly, in Malnad as the occupants of lands possessed full rights in Kans on the payment of one anna per acre, they attended to the up-keep of these Kans year by year. Occupant's rights in Kans are being decreased. Of late, Government have restricted the cutting of timber in such Kans. Malnad people require timber more than Maidan people, as no class of timber can withstand the Malnad climate more than 10 years, and under present circumstances, no timber can be had free. Full rights in Kans should be conceded to occupants as before.

Dewan's reply.—The old Kan Sist system cannot be revived. The Survey Department began demarcation work at Sorab. But the people did not care for Sub-division and demarcation. They did not want it and preferred the present state of things.

Subject No. 76.

Definition of the term "Raiyat."

Summary of discussion.—It is necessary to extend, explain, or alter the definition of the term "Raiyats" for forest privileges so as to include every registered holder of Government land, resident in the Taluk, and every Inamdar whether independent or as representing Matts, temples, &c., resident in the Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—This will be considered in the Forest Department.

Subject No. 77.

Free grant of timber to raiyats for building houses in the Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—Government is aware of the fact that no class of timber can withstand Malnad climate more than 10 years. Poor raiyats find it very hard to pay license fee, &c., for the timber required to build their houses and cattle sheds and on this account, many houses are now in a miserable condition. Therefore "Hasal" or seigniorage should be abolished and timber granted free to raiyats for house buildings.

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be done.

Subject No. 78.

Grant of portions of occupied Kans in Malnad for Coffee cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—Portions of occupied Kans in Malnad should be granted for coffee cultivation on payment of assessment, but without sale by public auction.

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be done.

Subject No. 79.

Dispensaries required for Mandagadde and Agumbi.

Summary of discussion.—Dispensaries are required at Mandagadde which is fast rising in importance as a coffee growing tract. and at Agumbi which is situated on the ghat frontier of the Mysore State. Both places are Malnad and are frequented by coolies and other travellers who often fall sick.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for compliance in due course.